Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Is the Government of Mysore bound to follow the pattern set by the Centre in regard to this matter in the scheme of education and whether they could not function independent of the Centre in regard to this matter ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—Sir, education is a State subject, I know. But, there should be a national education policy also. To have it, some of these things come under that head. The entire nation should have a proper system of education. There is necessity for certain amount of co-ordination in this matter and therefore we consult the Central Government, and the State Governments.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Is the hon'ble Minister aware that the Central Minister for Education says that it is difficult to find a scheme for national education, against this background, would the Education Minister of Mysore take steps to evolve a scheme of our own and see whether that cannot set a pattern for the rest of the country ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—I do not mean that there can be no initiative on the part of the State Government. There can be initiative; but they should not rule out of having some co-ordination between State and State.

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Sri M. V. VENKATAPPA (Graduates' Constituency).—Sir, I call the attention of the Minister for Education regarding the closure of the colleges under the Bangalore University.

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA (Minister for Education and Agriculture).—The hon'ble member has called attention to the closure of the Colleges of Bangalore University by the University Authorities. Members may be aware that there were students' disturbances in the University Campus on 22-1-1968 on the language question. The syndicate of the Bangalore University decided to close all Colleges under its control till 28-1-1968. The situation was constantly under review by the Vice-Chancellor in consultation with the Principals and Government. The Vice-Chancellor decided that the Colleges should continue to be closed on 29th January also and should be reopened on 30th January. On 30th January when the Colleges re-opened, some colleges worked with very thin attendance. Classes in most of the Colleges especially in the major colleges such as, Central College and the Government Arts and Science College, were disturbed by students. An emergent meeting of the Principals was called the same day by the Vice-Chancellor who also met representatives of the Bangalore University Students Council. The Vice-Chancellor also held discussions with members of the Bangalore Peace Committee. After considering all aspects of the situation, the University decided that the Colleges under its jurisdiction should be

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indefinitely closed with effect from 31-1-1968. On 7-2-1968 an urgent meeting of the Principals was held under the Chairmanship of the Vice-Chancellor. After assessing the conditions, the Vice-Chancellor and Principals issued a statement calling upon all concerned to create an atmosphere in which colleges can work without undue risk or interference. The Vice-Chancellor had meetings with the Education Minister, Home Minister, Chief Minister as well as the Principals of the Colleges between 8th and 9th February and decided to reopen the colleges on the 12th February. The bulk of the students attended the Colleges on the 12th February but attempts were made by groups of students to pursuade others to come out. On the 13th, a small procession of students went from College to College and on the 14th a bigger procession went round the colleges and there were certain incidents which necessitated the University to close the colleges again indefinitely.

It has been made clear by the Vice-Chancellor and Principals in their statements dated 7-2-1968 that the examinations might have to be postponed and this might affect numerous students. They also pointed out that the guardians of students will be put to a great deal of extra expense. Government are anxious that the colleges should reopen as early as possible and the tuition already lost during the last three weeks made up by holding additional classes. If colleges can be reopened before the end of this month, it is still possible to hold examinations and announce results before the end of June. The University is awaiting an improvement in the situation to enable it to open the colleges.

I appeal to all members of the House and the public to help in restoring normal conditions.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ವಿ. ವೆಂಕಟಪ್ಪ.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಹೇಳಿಕೆ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಜನವರಿ ತಿಂಗಳ 21ರಿಂದ ಇಪ್ಪತ್ತರವರೆಗೂ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಾ ಇದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಆಂದಿನಿಂದ ಇಂದಿನವರೆಗೂ ಇಂತಹ ಕ್ಲಿಷ್ಟವಾದ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಬಗೆಹರಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಏನು ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ವಿ. ಶಂಕರಗೌಡ.—ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನೂ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೇವೆ, ಆದರೆ ಹುಡುಗರಿಗೆ ಇನ್ನೂ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ತಿಳಿವಳಿಕೆ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ ಆದಕಾರಣ ಆಗಾಗ್ಗೆ ಗುಲಾಟೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾ ಇದ್ದಾರೆ ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಕಾಲೇಜು ರೀ ಓಪನ್ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಆಗಲಿಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ವಿ. ವೆಂಕಟಪ್ಪ.—ಈ ತಿಂಗಳ ಕೊನೆ ಒಳಗೆ ಕಾಲೇಜು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭವಾದರೆ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆ ಮಾಡಬಹುದು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಅಕಸ್ಮಾತ್ತಾಗಿ ಆಗದಿದ್ದರೆ ಮುಂದೆ ಏನು ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಿ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ವಿ. ಶಂಕರಗೌಡ.—ಪುನಃ distrubances ಆದರೆ ಈ ವರ್ಷ ಹೋಗುತ್ತದೆ, ಅಷ್ಟೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಗೋವರ್ಧನ ರಾವ್ (ನಾಮನಿರ್ದೇಶನ ಹೊಂದಿದವರು).—ಈ ರೀತಿ ನುಮ್ಮನೆ ಕಾಲೇಜು ಮುಚ್ಚುವುದರಿಂದ ಈ ನಮಸ್ಯೆ ಪರಿಹಾರವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ತಾವು ನಂಬಿದ್ದೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ವಿ. ಶಂಕರಗೌಡ.—ಪರಿಹಾರವಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದರೆ ಮುಚ್ಚದೆ ಗತ್ಯಂತರವಿಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಗೋವರ್ಧನ ರಾವ್.—ಏಕೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ವಿ. ಶಂಕರಗೌಡ.—Disturbances ಇದೆ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ.